



VISITING BERLIN . . . Mrs. Celia Pons, Torrance businesswoman, is shown here at the intersection of Stalin-alley and Fruchstrafe in East Berlin (top photo) and (below) on another wide East Berlin boulevard. She reports that the traffic problem there is confined mostly to a few small cars and bicycles. Most people walk.

Torrance Businesswoman Returns From Four-Month Visit to Berlin

Returning to Torrance recently after a four-month visit to Berlin, Germany, was Mrs. Celia Pons, who went to Europe to consult with authorities on restitution for property taken from her family by the Nazis.

Mrs. Pons, a Torrance businesswoman and widow of a former Torrance manufacturer, Max Pons, visited both West and East Berlin, during her four-months visit in the German city.

She reports an abundance of food and clothing exist on each side of the line dividing the East and the West, but that ration cards strictly control purchases in the East, or Russian-controlled sector of the famous city.

Come Here in 1937

Mrs. Pons came to Torrance with her late husband in 1937 after fleeing Germany to escape the Nazi purge. A native of Grodno, Poland, she had lived in Germany for 20 years prior to coming to America.

For years after she and her husband came to Torrance, she lived with a mounting dread for the fate of relatives she left behind. After World War II, she received a letter from a younger sister, Ciwa, living in Tel Aviv, who reported that relatives escaping from Germany reported that Mrs. Pons' mother, father, another sister, and two brothers, along with other relatives, had been murdered in a concentration camp and their property confiscated.

Will Regain Property

"It will take time, but we will regain some of our property," Mrs. Pons said after returning from Germany.

The German government is now paying restitution to Jewish people who were driven out by Hitler's hordes, she said.

"I love America for taking us in," Mrs. Pons will tell you seriously. "To the last day of life, I will not forget it. I will be a very good American."

Life in Germany today is relatively easy, she found. One of the popular features in Berlin is the Amerika Haus, a United States center containing books, a theater, and concert stage.

Prices Reasonable

Admission to top German opera houses is two Marks, or about 50 cents. A person can live there for about \$3 a day in American money. Food and clothing is reasonably priced and there appears to be an abundance, in West Berlin.

Mrs. Pons recently honored the persecuted families of Germany with a plaque at Temple Israel in Hollywood, dedicated to the memory of some 50 close relatives who lost their lives during the Nazi purge.

Family Honored

Timed to coincide with the April 19 anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt, the plaque says, in part:

"Dedicated to the memory of six million lost Jewish souls, including my beloved Gurnitsky-Pons family, victims of Nazi brutality."



GLENN KOGER
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Glenn Koger to Lead Community Chest in Cities

Glenn Koger, vice president and manager of Rome Cable Corp., was appointed Community Chest area chairman for the nine cities of the Harbor area according to George Hawley, Associated Cities chairman.

"Koger's fine record as Torrance city chairman for 1957-58 establishes him as the right man for the tremendous job to be done in 1958, Hawley said.

The new area chairman has worked for the Community Chest since he became Rome Cable Firm Executive for AID in 1954, and is now first vice chairman of the Harbor area welfare federation board. He has also served as Torrance area chairman for the City of Hope, is a member of Torrance Rotary Club and is on the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Under Koger's leadership more than 4,000 volunteers will be recruited from the Harbor area to undertake the innumerable organizational tasks preparatory to the 1958 annual appeal on behalf of the 167 Agencies of the Community Chest.

"This year may be one of the most critical years in the 34 year history of the Chest," Koger said. "With the gallant assistance of the many volunteers who work for the Chest, I am confident that the Harbor area will maintain its proud record of service to the community."

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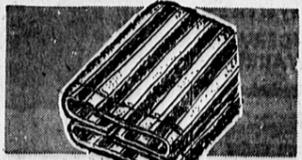
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